

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA-EU TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an official level meeting was held in New Delhi between New Delhi and EU to review relations on May 1, 2002; and
- (b) if so, the progress made so far to improve relations with EU?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

a) & b) The India-EU Troika Senior Officials Meeting took place on 2nd May 2002 in New Delhi at Foreign Secretary level as part of the institutionalized dialogue with the EU. Apart from being India's largest trading partner, India and EU have a shared strategic partnership based on commitment to democracy and rule of law as well as promotion of socio-economic development and prosperity. The strength of the relationship is reflected in the institutionalization of Annual Summits between India and the European Union.